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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Mountain View – More Than One Million Google Accounts Hit by Malware

(U) More than one million Google accounts have been breached by malware that infiltrated older Android devices, cyber security firm Check Point Software Technologies Ltd. announced yesterday. The researchers traced the malware back to dozens of what they called “legitimate-looking” apps on third-party Android app stores. Once it lives on a user’s Android device, Gooligan exploits known vulnerabilities in the Android operating system to install other apps and malicious software without users’ permission. Using that foothold, attackers can steal users’ email addresses and authentication tokens in order to dive deeper into their extensive personal data stored across Google.

SOURCE: 30 November 2016, [CBS News](#)

#### (U) San Francisco – Muslim Group Calls for FBI Probe on Hate Letters Sent to Mosques

(U) The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) sent FBI Director James Comey a letter urging him to open an investigation on the handwritten message mailed to at least six mosques in California and one in Georgia. “Because the person used the US Postal Service and has targeted mosques across the state and the country, this merits extra scrutiny and federal resources,” said Zahra Billoo, the executive director of the Bay Area office of CAIR. Prentice Danner, a spokesman for the FBI office in San Francisco, said it is up to the US Postal Service to investigate who is sending the letters before the FBI will consider opening an investigation.

SOURCE: 29 November 2016, [SF Gate](#)

#### (U) San Francisco – Asylum Not Automatic for Former Gang Members

(U) Immigrants in the United States illegally are not automatically eligible for asylum on the basis that they are former gang members who risk persecution if they return home, a federal appeals court panel ruled yesterday. Three judges from the 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals upheld federal immigration standards that exclude former gang members from social groups that can clearly qualify for protection. The ruling could affect thousands of immigrants who are fleeing gang-related violence in Central America, immigration experts said.

SOURCE: 30 November 2016, [ABC News](#)

#### (U) San Jose – Second Escaped Inmate Recaptured

(U) An escaped Californian inmate was recaptured yesterday, a week after he cut through the bars of a second-story jail window and rappelled down the building's side with a rope made of clothes. Rogelio Chavez, 33, was detained at an apartment in San Jose and found under the influence of narcotics. He escaped Santa Clara County jail last week with another inmate, 26-year-old Laron Campbell, who was captured Tuesday night at his sister's house in the Bay Area city of Antioch.

SOURCE: 1 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) NATIONAL**

**(U) Washington – Police Officer, Suspect Fatally Shot**

(U) Tacoma – A Tacoma Police officer was shot and killed yesterday after responding to a domestic violence call. A male suspect in the incident was shot and killed by police after barricading himself inside the home with a rifle. Two children, 8 and 11, were inside the home and rescued after the suspect was killed. Both children were taken to the hospital for a wellness check, but police believe they were not harmed.

SOURCE: 1 December 2016, [USA Today](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Bangladesh – New Evidence Shows Deep ISIL Role in Massacre**

(U) Dhaka – Before Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury orchestrated Bangladesh's worst militant attack, he sought and won approval for it from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). A Canadian of Bangladeshi origin, he was told by his contact in the militant group, Abu Terek Mohammad Tajuddin Kausar, to target foreigners, according to a senior police official who has seen communications between the two men. Chowdhury, located in Bangladesh at the time, proposed an attack on a Dhaka eatery frequented by expatriates. The back-and-forth between Chowdhury, 30, and Kausar, 35, which includes drafts of articles later published in ISIL magazines, has not been previously reported. Together with attempts by people linked to ISIL to recruit and fund militancy in the country, the documents show the extremist organization has built deeper connections with Bangladeshi militants than was previously known.

SOURCE: 1 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Kenya – Iranians Face Terrorism Charges after Filming Israeli Embassy**

(U) Nairobi – Two Iranians and their Kenyan driver, who worked for the Iranian embassy in Nairobi, were charged today with collecting information for a terrorist act after filming the Israeli embassy. Sayed Nasrollah Ebrahimi, Abdolhosein Gholi Safae and driver Moses Keyah Mmboga "were found taking video clips of the Israeli embassy ... for the use in the commission of a terrorist act", according to a charge sheet produced in court. The three men were in a car belonging to the Iranian embassy when they were arrested on Tuesday, the court papers said. The diplomatic status of the two Iranians was unclear.

SOURCE: 1 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Philippines – Philippines Raises Terror Alert after Foiled Bomb Plot**

(U) Manila – The Philippines has raised its terror alert to its highest level after police said they had discovered a plot by ISIL-linked militants to attack a park, following a foiled bombing near the US embassy this week. Ronald dela Rosa, the national police chief, said the plot was revealed by two men arrested over the planting of a bomb near the embassy in Manila on Monday. "These men planned to detonate a bomb in a public park, but it failed, then they planted another improvised explosive device near the US embassy," dela Rosa told a news conference. Three other men belonging to a southern Philippine Islamist militant group evaded arrest, he added.

SOURCE: 1 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Saudi Arabia – Shamoon Virus Returns in New Gulf Cyber Attacks after Four-year Hiatus**

(U) Riyadh – A version of Shamoon, the destructive computer virus that crippled tens of thousands of computers at Middle Eastern energy companies four years ago, was used in mid-November to attack computers in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere in the region, according to US security firms. The

reappearance of Shamoon is significant, as there have only been a handful of other high-profile attacks involving disk-wiping malware, including ones in 2014 on Sheldon Adelson's Las Vegas Sands Corp. and Sony Corp's Hollywood studio. Governments and businesses pay close attention to such cases because it can be time-consuming and extremely expensive to restore infected systems.

SOURCE: 1 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

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